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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ryusuke KAWATE, et al.

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FOR: OPTICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK SYSTEM THAT PERFORMS SYSTEM SWITCHING ONLY WHEN OPERATION CONDITION IS IMPROVED

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In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.